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VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

Ms. Raji Josiam
Remedial Project Manager, 6SF-RA
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Region 6
1445 Ross Avenue
Dallas, Texas 75202

Re: November 2016 Bi-Monthly Progress Report
US Oil Recovery (USOR) Superfund Site
Area of Investigation 1 (AOI-1), Pasadena, Texas

Dear Ms. Josiam:

Pursuant to Section IX, Paragraph 44 of the Administrative Settlement Agreement and Order on Consent for Remedial Investigation/Feasibility Study (Settlement Agreement) for the above-referenced Site, Pastor, Behling & Wheeler, LLC (PBW) has prepared this bi-monthly progress report on behalf of the Respondents named in the Settlement Agreement. In accordance with the Settlement Agreement requirements, this progress report addresses the topics listed below:

1. Actions which have been taken to comply with the Settlement Agreement during the preceding two-month period – During September and October 2016, the Respondents performed additional work for the RI/FS in accordance with the RI/FS Work Plan, as follows:
 - Delineation activities related to the historical vault located west of the warehouse and the former historic burial pit located at the southwest corner of the property were performed as detailed in Work Plan Refinement/Modification Notice (WRN) AOI-1-2 from September 22-26, 2016. These activities include hand-digging to locate the historical vault and a geophysical survey to gather data on the dimensions of the historical burial pit.
 - Validation of data collected during the August 29-31, 2016 field mobilization was conducted per the requirements of the Quality Assurance Project Plan (QAPP).
 - WRN AOI-1-3, dated October 11, 2016, for activities related to background soil sampling was submitted to and subsequently accepted by EPA.
2. Summary of quality-assured results of sampling, tests and all other quality-assured data received by Respondents during the preceding two-month period – Data from the August 29-31, 2016 mobilization have been validated and entered into the project Microsoft Access database. A link to the electronic file of the database will be provided to the EPA with the email transmittal that contains this bi-monthly progress report. A sample location map will also be provided with the electronic database file.
3. Work planned for next two months with schedules relating such Work to the overall project schedule for RI/FS completion – The following work is planned for the next two months:

- Background soil sampling will be performed in accordance with WRN AOI-1-3, pending granting of access to background soil sampling locations by the Harris County Flood Control District (HCFCD).
 - WRN AOI-1-4 proposing additional activities related to: 1) the historical vault; 2) the former historical burial pit; and 3) other on-property soil sampling data gaps will be submitted to EPA for review and acceptance.
4. Problems encountered, anticipated problems, actual or anticipated delays, and solutions developed and implemented to address any actual or anticipated problems or delays – No problems or delays were encountered during the preceding two-month period. No problems are anticipated.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit this progress report. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,



Eric Pastor, P.E.
Project Coordinator

cc: Mr. Lam Tran – Texas Commission on Environmental Quality
Mr. Michael Cave – Texas Commission on Environmental Quality
Mr. Patrick C. Gobb - NewFields
Mr. Matthew Wickham – PBW



EXPLANATION

- Approx. Property Boundary
- Approx. Security Fence
- Proposed Soil Boring Location (Source Areas/Industrial Activities)
- Proposed Soil Boring Location (Drainage Areas)
- Surface Water Sample Location
- Surface Water Sample Location - Not Collected due to absence of Surface Water
- Sediment Sample Location
- Proposed Monitoring Well Location
- CPT/ROST Transect Location
- CPT Location
- CPT/ROST Location
- CPT Location - Eliminated due to Underground Obstruction
- Soil Boring Location - Eliminated due to Underground Obstruction

Notes:
1. Proposed locations are approximate and subject to change.
2. Highlighted sample locations have been completed.
3. As requested by EPA, additional shallow soil samples were collected at boring locations highlighted blue, which are within the area regraded as a result of the roll-off box transfer activities. The additional shallow soil samples were collected at each boring within the regraded area from 0.5-1.0, 1.0-1.5 and 1.5-2.0 feet below ground surface (bgs).

US OIL RECOVERY SUPERFUND SITE

PASADENA, HARRIS COUNTY, TEXAS

Figure 1

SAMPLE LOCATION MAP

PROJECT: 3333	BY: AJD	REVISIONS
DATE: SEPT., 2016	CHECKED: MKW	

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